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In EP 0 275 992, a method for driving a machine system, for example production lines, conveyor systems etc, with several actuators, especially electric motors but also other electrically controllable and electromechanical actuating devices are described, whereby some of the actuators are combined into a group and a control unit is assigned to each of the actuators in this group.

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Similarly, a decentralized drive, for example of a displacement unit, is also described in FR 2 657 807. --

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Page 2, line 2, change "1" to --44--;

line 7, after "necessary.", insert -- In addition, accessibility to the individual components in the region of a machine is considerably improved if the two supply lines leading from the switching module to the drive unit are omitted by integrating the switching module into the drive unit or the components. A further advantage is the short lines which prevents undesired damping caused by the elastic stretching of the feed lines, friction losses etc., resulting in a considerable improvement in switching times, reaction times etc.

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The objective is also achieved independently by the features described in the characterizing part of claim 45. In addition to the advantages described for claim 44, a surprising advantage over and above the overall effect can be achieved in that the short switching times and ways of optimizing the overall displacement sequence can be combined with the thereby achievable greater availability. --

line 8, change "2" to --46;
line 10, change "3" to --47--;
line 12, change "4" to --48--;
line 14, change "5" to --49--;
line 16, change "6" to --50--;
line 18, change "7" to --51--;
line 20, change "8 and 9" to --52 and 53--;
line 22, change "10" to --54--.

Page 3, line 1, change "11" to --55--;

line 3, change "12 to 15" to --56 to 59--;
line 6, change "16" to --60--;
line 9, change "17" to --61--;
cancel lines 12 and 13;
line 14, change "19" to --62--;
line 17, change "20" to --63--;
line 19, change "21" to --64--;
line 22, change "22" to --65--.

Page 4, line 1, change "23 and 24" to --66 and 67--;

line 4, change "25 to 27" to --68 to 70--;
line 6, change "28" to --71--;
line 8, change "29" to --72--;
line 10, change "30 and 31" to --73 and 74--;
line 13, change "32" to --75--;
line 16, change "33" to --76--;
line 18, change "34" to --77--;

line 21, change "35" to --78--.

Page 5, line 1, change "36" to --79--;

line 4, change "37" to --80--;

line 7, change "38" to --81--;

line 11, change "39" to --82--;

line 13, after "reference value" insert - taking into

At consideration different target values for the respective use. --;

line 17, change "40" to --83--;

line 22, change "41" to --84--.

Page 6, line 1, change "42" to --85--;

line 3, change "43" to --86--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1 to 43, the original claims, and substitute therefore new claims 44 to 86, attached hereto.

R E M A R K S

By this Preliminary Amendment, newly found prior art has been incorporated into the specification and original claims 1 to 43 have been replaced by new claims 44 to 86. These amendments correspond to amendments in the International Application, and no new matter has been introduced. In addition, reference to the canceled claims in